Sending back Bangladeshi Infilterators

2781. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised nationals from Bangladesh sent out of the country since the Government decided on their deportation;

(b) the number of ration cards surrendered and names struck off from the electoral rolls of the country as a result of these deportation; and

(c) the action being taken for their speedy deportation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Detection and deportation, of illegal migrants is a part of normal Governmental activity and as such a continous process. There are standing instructions to the State Governments and U.T. Administrations in this regard. It would not be public interest to disclose the exact number of Bangladeshi nationals identified and deported. Ration cards are issued by the State Governments to facilitate distribution of essential supplies to the eligible persons. The names of voters are included in the electoral rolls in accordance with the guidelines and procedures as prescribed by the Election Commission if India from time to time. The possibility of some illegal migrants obtaining ration cards and getting themselves enrolled as voters by suppressing the facts about their nationality cannot be ruled out. The issue of ration cards among others was discussed in a conference with the Chief Minister of the affected states in September, 1992. It was generally agreed to take steps to ensure that the illegal migrants are not issued ration cards. The affected State Governments are engaged in terms of detailed guide lines issued by Election Commission of India in August, 1992 on the subject of intensive revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 1st January, 1993 as the qualifying date to identify such foreign nationals and to exclude their names from Electoral Rolls.

Army deployment in Bombay

2782. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the time and date on which the Army was officially posted and took action in Bombay during the riots of January, 1993;

(b) number of rounds fired by Army personnel and deaths caused due to them in January, 1993;

(c) what is the number and nature of complaints received by the Government against the Army personnel; and

(d) what action is being taken on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requisitioning of Army

2783. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) at how many places throughout the country the Army was requisitioned by Civil authorities to help them in maintaining law and order during the last six months with details thereof;

(b) how many Army personnel were deployed during the said period to assist the Civil authorities with details thereof;

(c) how much cost was incurred by the Government on the movement/deployment of army in cases; and

(d) whether Government propose to continue with the present policy of deploying Army whenever requisitioned by civil authorities in the country?